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TAGS: EAGR, MY

SUBJECT: STATUS OF LEGISLATION ON PALM OIL IMPORTS

REF: KUALA 02526

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5. IN A RELATED LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE, AN AMENDMENT
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